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Sophie Buchanan
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Dear Ms Buchanan,

Thank you for your email dated 20 June 2015, requesting information about the number of transgender and intersex prisoners currently in the prison system. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Unfortunately, as we advised in our response of 18 June 2015, we cannot readily extract statistics about numbers of current transgender prisoners from our electronic records, as this information is noted on individual prisoner records. In order to identify this type of specific information, we would be required to manually review a large number of files.

In accordance with the OIA, we have considered whether to affix a charge or extend the time limit for responding. However, given the scale of the request we do not consider that this would be an appropriate use of our publicly funded resources. Therefore, this part of your request is declined under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department.

Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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